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The success of the "week of history" that was sponsored by the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall during Pioneer Days 1982 may have been the factor that caused the Wayne County Historical Society to institute its own "week of history."

Week of History planned in October by Historical Society

Honesdale is becoming increasingly aware that it is a town "with a past" and that its past is an asset. Each year, according to officials of the Wayne County Historical Society, more and more people are coming to the town to ask questions about the canal, the gravity railway, and to see the exhibits at the museum on Main Street. Others are coming to Wayne County in search of information concerning their ancestors.

Within the past three or four years, the county historical society has broadened its emphasis to include better facilities for research, the acquisition of more research material, and the better organization of material already owned. In view of the number of people coming to use the facilities of the society, this has been a wise decision.

The Torrey Building, saved from destruction and moved to its present position by the society museum, will be completely renovated inside and equipped for historical and genealogical research if sufficient funds are obtained from the publication of a major work on area history by Dr. Vernon Leslie, county historian. If there is sufficient support of this project by society members and the community and county, the research center will have no parallel in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Those wishing to support the publication of the book by grants, contributing as patrons, or by purchasing advertising may do so by contacting the historical society in Honesdale.

The Leslie book, "Canal Town: Honesdale, 1850-1875," will be published Oct. 1, 1983. At the time of publication and planned to coincide with the annual Harvest Sale, the Wayne County Historical Society plans a community observance of a Week of History. Tentative plans include historical window displays in local stores, an arts and craft day depicting aspects of everyday living in past years, a block party, a descendants day for county residents, and possibly a parade or concert.

Suggestions concerning the Week of History observance will be most welcome and should be sent to Mrs. Phyllis Barth at the historical society in Honesdale. Suggestions from other organizations and from the business community will be particularly welcomed.